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Give Your Child a Great Start with Osseo Area Schools Early Childhood & Family Education (EC&FE)

At Osseo Area Schools our mission is to inspire and prepare all students with the confidence, courage and competence to achieve their dreams; contribute to community; and engage in a lifetime of learning.

When you offer your child the opportunity to begin their education in Osseo Area Schools Early Childhood & Family Education programs, you are providing the foundation for a smooth transition to school!

Our classes, resources & services are designed especially to engage children and parents while boosting parent skills and confidence. Children develop their physical, language, social and emotional skills. Parents attend all classes with their child, enjoying time together with other parents, children and our qualified, caring teachers. Parents learn about positive guidance, eating and sleeping habits, child development and more.

Every class includes:

◆ Activities where parents and children learn together.
◆ Time for children to learn and interact with one another.
◆ Parent education time with a licensed parent educator.

The lessons learned in our Early Childhood and Preschool classrooms mirror our district curriculum, so your child will be learning skills which will prepare them for kindergarten and beyond!

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Convenient Locations

Arbor View Early Childhood Center
9401 Fernbrook Lane N
Maple Grove, MN 55369
Phone: 763-391-8777

Willow Lane Early Childhood Center
7020 Perry Avenue N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
Phone: 763-585-7330

Teaching Staff
All of our teachers hold at least a 4 year degree and a license in Early Childhood and/or Parent Education. The curriculum in our programs align with Minnesota State Standards.

Support for Participation
If adult participants are in need of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a class, please call 763-391-8777 or TDD: 763-391-7250. Please allow us at least 72 hours notice (2 week notice is preferred) so we can accommodate your request. ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools does not discriminate on the basis of disability.
Selecting a Class
Our classes and activities are specially designed for each age group. We offer classes at both of our early childhood centers: Arbor View and Willow Lane. Registration for infants 0-12 months is based on the age of the child at the start of each class. Registration for children 12 months and older is based on the age of the child as of September 1, 2017.

Separating vs Non-Separating Classes and Activities

Non-Separating Classes
In non-separating classes, parents and children remain together at all times.

Separating Classes
In separating classes, parents and children engage in classroom activities together for part of the class. Then, in an adjoining room, parents attend parent education time with a parent educator while children participate in additional classroom activities.

Sibling Care
While attending a class with another child, sibling care is available for families who need care for their other young children age 5 months-5 years. Babies under five months of age are welcome to attend the parent discussion with mom or dad for no additional charge. At the time of registration, if your child will turn 5+ months during class, please call the office to register. Space is limited. Sibling Care is available during class unless otherwise listed. See page 14 for fee chart.

Registration
Lottery Drawing Dec 6
Since space is limited, participants are selected through a random lottery drawing on Dec 6. A confirmation will be emailed to you once you are placed in a class. After the initial lottery, registrations will be accepted until all classes are full. For class availability, call 763-391-8777.

Course Numbers
The number of weeks a class meets is designated by the course number. For example: 15-2100A is a 15 week class, 6-2004A is a 6 week class. The location designated as “A” is for Arbor View and “W” for Willow Lane.

Immunizations Required
Minnesota State law requires all children attending EC&FE programs to be current with all required immunizations or have a notarized conscientious exemption on file. A copy of your child’s immunizations must be submitted at the time of registration. You or your clinic can fax or email immunization records to: 763-391-8762 or ecfe@district279.org.

Health Related Needs
If your child has a health related need that requires medication or special attention, health forms are required to be submitted at the time of registration. For more information, please call 763-391-8777.

Fees
Class fees are based on family income and the number of sessions a class meets. All families are welcome. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay.

Program Calendar
Our EC&FE program is divided into two sessions during each school year.
- Session One: September 2017 to January 2018
- Session Two: January 2018 to May 2018

For Session Two: No classes will be held Feb 19, March 26-30, April 30.

Stay Connected with EC&FE
Osseo ECFE on Facebook
Our Facebook page will keep you up-to-date and connected with our program. We are always adding new information, so check out our page, and “Like Us” at facebook.com/osseoEC.

Parent Advisory Council
Stay connected with group meetings, volunteer opportunities and family events in the community. Search Facebook for “Osseo ECFE Parent Advisory Council” and “Like” their page.

OsseoEC.org
Our program website is a great resource for families.
New!

New Parents Connecting

For Parents & Infants Age 8 weeks to 6 months.

Join us for A FREE sample of ECFE

For Expectant Parents and Parents with Infants Birth to 12 Months.

- Infant Massage tips and techniques.
- Sample activities to do at home with your baby based on the book Brain Games for Babies.
- Connection with other parents in the community that are also expecting or have a new baby.
- Information about options available to you as a new parent through Early Childhood & Family Education (EC&FE).

Each family will leave with a copy of Brain Games for Babies and a set of board books for your home library. Deadline to register or RSVP is one day before the event. Register online at osseo.ce.eleyo.com or RSVP to 763-585-7330.

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Infant Massage

For Parents and Infants Birth to 9 months

Registration for this class is based on the age of the child at the start of each class.

Learn and practice the art of baby massage as a wonderful way to promote the healthy development of your baby while strengthening your parent-baby connection. Massage provides many benefits to babies, including better sleep and digestion, increased brain and nervous system development, and a deeper sense of safety and attachment to caregivers. You will learn to understand and respond to your baby’s cues and signals as you deepen your bond through the relaxing practice of massage. (Great for moms, dads, and grandparents!)

Classes are offered on Wednesdays from 1-2:15pm at Arbor View Early Childhood Center.

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Baby Talk

Open Play for Parents & Babies, Birth to 24 Months

Play and explore with your child in this drop-in open play program. No Sibling Care. $3 per parent/child.

Arbor View

Wednesdays  8:30-10am

Jan 31-May 16

No Playtime: March 28
Birth to 6 Months / Non-Separating
For Parents and Infants

Registration for this class is based on the age of the child at the start of each class.
Parenting. . . is it what you thought it would be? Having a new baby is a delight, an enormous responsibility and a challenge. Needless to say, it’s a major adjustment. This relaxing class is designed to give you time to enjoy your baby, meet other parents, and talk with a parent educator. Conversations may focus on sleep schedules, infant development, infant massage, sensory/motor play, nutrition, adjusting to family life, etc.

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6-12 Months / Non-Separating
For Parents and Infants

Registration for this class is based on the age of the child at the start of each class.
Your baby is moving and discovering new things now! Connect and engage with other parents through interactive play. Introduce your infant to being with other children and playing in new environments. Activities are designed to stimulate your child’s development through music, songs, infant massage, sensory/motor play and fun.

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For Parents and Children Birth to 5
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Parenting Questions?

Free One-on-One Visits in Your Home or at our EC&FE Centers
The Home Visiting Program is designed to help families and young children, prenatal to age 5, prepare for successful experiences at home and school.

A licensed teacher will work with you to develop an individual plan based on your child and family’s strengths and needs, while sharing information on child development, parenting and community resources. In addition, we will share ideas for creative, fun and age appropriate activities.

This service is provided free to our district residents. For more information, call 763-585-7331.

Help Me Grow
Birth to age 5 (Pre-K)
Are you concerned about your child’s speech or general development?

Does your child show any of the following signs?

- No big smiles or other joyful expressions by six months.
- No babbling by 12 months.
- No words by 16 months.
- No two-word meaningful phrases without imitating or repeating by 24 months.

If so, your child may be eligible for a developmental assessment and some specific services designed to help him or her grow.

Please call 763-585-7335, or Minnesota Department of Education information and referral line at 866-693-GROW. For more information visit: http://helpmegrowmn.org.
Toddlers are terrific, hilarious and, as we all know, ever-changing! Keeping up with their inquisitive minds is an exciting and demanding job. The challenges of being a parent are enjoyable, complex, and at times, stressful.

Ones classes provide many opportunities for your child to develop social and problem-solving skills. You and your child will leave with new ideas and activities to reinforce what you have learned during the weekly classroom activities and parent education.

Class Curriculum

A common question from parents that we get frequently: My child will turn 1 right after class starts, will he/she be the only older child in class?

Answer: The make-up of the children in the class will vary depending on what class you take and it can change each semester and each year. Teachers in each class take into account the ages of the children in the class and modify their teaching and instruction based on the ages of the children present. In a multi-age class, each child of every age will get something out of the activities provided by the teachers.

For example if the activity is an art collage...

**Birth-12 months:**
Children may feel and look at the different materials and might even put them in their mouths.

**Ones:**
Parents may put the glue on the paper with the glue stick and the child may put one to two pieces on the paper depending on their attention span.

**Twos:**
Children may apply the glue from the glue stick and add several pieces to their creation.

**Threes:**
Children may tear the paper, apply the glue and add a variety of items to their collage.

**Fours:**
Children may use glue bottles, and may cut paper/tissue paper/yarn to add to their collage. Their collage may have a theme or be composed with intention.

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**For Parents and Children 12-24 Months**

Children must be 1 or older by September 1, 2017

**Ones / Non Separating**

Parent education and discussion time will be held in the same room with your toddler.

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**Ones / Gradual Separation**

Parent education time transitions gradually to an adjoining room. The pace of the separation is dependent upon the needs of the group.

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For Parents and Children 24 to 36 Months

Children must be 2 or older by September 1, 2017

Twos / Separating

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For Parents and Children Age 2 & 3

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Temperament & Discipline

For Parents & Children Age 2-5
with Parent Educator, Rebecca Wong

Learn how to teach your child positive behavior using age appropriate strategies and techniques. Temperament is a person’s natural way of reacting to the world around them, while discipline involves altering behavior and actions through self-motivation or teaching. Having a greater understanding of your temperament and that of your child, can help you understand your child’s behavior. You can then develop strategies for creating positive behaviors and interactions for both you and your child.

6-2602A    | Mon  | Apr 9- May 21 | 6-7:30pm  | No Sibling Care |

For Parents and Children Birth to 5

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Family Literacy

For Parents & their children
6 weeks to 5 years

Osseo Area Schools Adult Basic Education partners with Early Childhood & Family Education (EC&FE) to offer family literacy classes. Parents study English, participate in a parenting education class, and have learning time with their children.

Classes are held Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-12:30pm at Willow Lane.
To register or for information, call 763-566-5452.

Three year olds are naturally curious about the world around them. They learn by watching and interacting with one another. They are becoming more independent and are learning skills to work with the peers around them.

Preschool Open Houses

Osseo Area Schools offers a variety of preschool programs for children who turn three or four by September 1. Join us for a quick informational session on the various programs and services available to families. There will be time for your questions and a chance to tour the buildings. Children are encouraged to attend with families. Activities will be set up to spotlight each preschool classroom.

Arbor View - Wed, Jan 24
6:30-7:30pm
9401 Fernbrook Lane N
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Willow Lane - Thurs, Jan 25
6:30-7:30pm
7020 Perry Avenue N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

For Parents and Threes

Children must be 3 or older by September 1, 2017

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Practice Preschool

Children must be 3 by March 1, 2018

This parent-child class is designed for 3 year olds that are ready for a little more...more time with friends, more separation time, more school. Children do not need to be completely potty trained.

*30-1707A Fri, Sept 15-May 18 9-11:30am
*This class started in September. Registration is based on space available.

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Families that participate in Practice Preschool have priority for the Drop-off Preschool for Young 3s class. The class may be taught by a different teaching team, on a different day and time. The lottery will fill any remaining spots.

New! Drop off Preschool for Young Threes

For this class: The class fee is $300. Children should be mostly self sufficient in the bathroom, know when they need to use the bathroom, and are having few accidents.

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Temperament & Discipline

For Parents & Children Age 2-5
with Parent Educator, Rebecca Wong

For full class description, see page 7

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For Parents and Children Birth to 5

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Four and five year olds are learning social and emotional skills by playing with peers, waiting for a turn, problem solving and being in a group. They are preparing academically in the areas of math, literacy, science, large and small motor and self-help skills.

Looking for Preschool or PreK for Children Age 3-5?

Space is still available in our 2017-2018 Preschool & PreK 3-5s classes.

Children must have turned 3 or older by September 1, 2017. For available class options, call 763-391-8777 or register online at osseo.ce.eleyo.com.

Preschool & PreK programs for the 2018-2019 school year

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Parent-Child Play Time

Parents & Children, Birth to 5

Here's a chance for you and your children to explore our early childhood classrooms together and meet new friends. Come for a little while or stay for the entire time. Activities will be chosen by the teacher and will be different each time. Play, explore and learn together! Only $3 per child per time!

Punch cards containing 15 passes may be purchased at either site for $40, and they do not expire. No need to pre-register unless otherwise listed. Just drop in and join the fun!

### Willow Lane

**Tuesdays 11am-12:30pm**  
Jan 30-May 15  
No Playtime: March 27

**Saturdays 9:30-11:30am**  
Apr 21, May 12

### Arbor View

**Wednesdays 6-7:30pm**  
Jan 31-May 16  
No Playtime: March 28

**Fridays 9-10:30am**  
Feb 2-May 18  
Space is limited. Please register 2 days before each Friday you wish to attend by calling 763-391-8777.  
No Playtime: March 30

**Saturdays 9:30-11:30am**  
Feb 10, Mar 17, Apr 7

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Baby Talk

Open Play for Parents & Babies, Birth to 24 Months Old

Play and explore with your child in this drop-in open play program. No Sibling Care. $3 per parent/child.

### Arbor View

**Wednesdays 8:30-10am**  
Jan 31-May 16  
No Playtime: March 28
Preschool & PreK

For 3-5s for school year 2017-2018

For Children who turned 3 to 5 by September 1, 2017

Osseo Area Schools offers an affordable preschool experience designed to support your child's development. Our curriculum and activities focus on building confidence, independence, academic and social skills so your child enters kindergarten ready to continue learning!

Our preschool programs are designed to support your child's school readiness through meaningful hands-on learning experiences in language, literacy, fine and gross motor skills development, mathematics, science, art, and dramatic play.

Every class includes:

◆ Whole group activities and instruction to introduce and build upon skills.
◆ Playtime where children interact, learn and engage with one another in a fun, safe environment.
◆ A time to get up and move! Whether in the room, outside, or in the gym, large motor time gives children a chance to strengthen muscles, improve coordination, and learn to interact with one another.

Preschool for 3s
Preschool for 3s uses play-based learning, emphasizing social-emotional development such as how to be part of a group, take turns, share, and ask for help.

Located at: Arbor View, Cedar Island, and Willow Lane Early Childhood Center.

PreK for 4s & 5s
Pre-Kindergarten for 4s emphasizes school readiness skills including social-emotional, literacy, math/science, motor development and movement, and creative arts.

Located at: Cedar Island, Elm Creek, Fernbrook, Oak View, Rice Lake & Woodland.

Preschool for 3s & 3-5s with Parent Connection
Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten with Parent Connection provide the perfect combination of Preschool and Parent Education. You'll attend preschool with your child one day per week, spending time learning with your child, other parents and their children. Parent educators will offer the latest research and initiate lively discussions on timely parenting topics.

Located at: Arbor View and Willow Lane Early Childhood Center.

Saturday Preschool for 3-5s
Age 3 to 5 by September 1, 2017

Saturday Preschool focuses on school readiness skills: group interaction, social/emotional, writing, name recognition, and literacy. The first class of each session includes one hour parent-child orientation. Meets Saturdays from 9-11:30am. $170 per session. Sign up for one or more sessions at osseo.ce.eleyo.com.

Our Preschool has a Four Star Rating

To earn a Four Star Rating schools must prove that they are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing kids for kindergarten.

Financial Assistance for Preschool

If for any reason a family situation is limiting the possibility of your child participating in a preschool program, please contact our office at 763-391-8777 to discuss how we might assist you. If you have already been awarded a scholarship from Think Small or any other scholarship administrator, you can use your scholarship in our program.

Minnesota Early Learning Scholarships cover all preschool expenses including registration and tuition.

Here is an example of the income eligibility for state scholarships:

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Parent Aware
A Rating Tool for Selecting High Quality Child Care and Early Education

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Scholarships are available through the State of MN. To be eligible for an Early Learning Scholarship, your child must be three or four by September 1, 2017. Family income must meet the guidelines provided below:

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Summer 2018
For Parents and Children Birth to 5
PreK & EC&FE Summer Programs are the perfect opportunities for your child to play, learn, and discover! Our EC&FE classes for parents and their infants or toddlers nurtures your child’s natural curiosity. PreK summer programs will prepare your child to be ready for kindergarten. A selection of summer classes will be available in May 2018 to register online at osseo.ce.eleyo.com.

Preschool & PreK 3-5s for 2018-2019
Our Preschool and PreK program information for children who will be 3 or older by September 1, 2018 will be available in January 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year. The Preschool lottery will be held in February 2018. After the lottery, registration will continue year round until all classes have filled.

Early Childhood Screening
Screening is a FREE service for all Osseo Area Schools children.

All 3 to 5 year-old children in Minnesota are required to complete an Early Childhood Screening. At screening, parents learn about their child’s growth and development and can ask questions if they have concerns.

Early Childhood Screening is a simple check of your child’s:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Height
- Weight
- Development

We recommend that children be screened between their 3rd and 4th birthdays. This helps to ensure that all young children are well equipped for learning, and that families are aware of the resources in the school and community.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 763-391-8776.

Join Our EC&FE Parent Advisory Council
Get Involved & Make a Difference!
The Parent Advisory Council meets once a month to discuss program policy, program fees and services, and parents’ perspectives on ways to improve quality and accessibility. Members are actively engaged in communicating with parents, legislators and other community members about early education, school district issues and other community concerns that affect children and families. Members are also involved in special event planning, fundraising and more.

Meetings are held monthly during the school year at either Arbor View Early Childhood Center or Willow Lane Early Childhood Center. Free child care is available during each meeting.

The Parent Advisory Council is a great way to give back to our District’s Early Childhood programs, families and the community.

If you would like to learn more about how to get involved and the benefits of volunteering, please send an email to ecfechairperson@gmail.com and a member will contact you.

We hope you will join us!

Giving back
Volunteer Opportunities through Osseo Area Schools EC&FE
Research continues to show the positive impact between a child’s learning and parent involvement at school which leads to greater learning and educational success.

Do you want to get involved? There are many opportunities to support our children, school and community, including working with children and/or adults and helping at events.

Our program is stronger because of our dedicated volunteers!
To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call 763-391-8764.

Parent Education in the Community
EC&FE’s professional and knowledgeable staff is available to present classes at your place of work, PTA, mom’s group, or other organization. A licensed educator will customize the presentation to fit the needs of your group. For more information and pricing, call 763-391-8765.
Parent Connection: ECFE Beyond Kindergarten

Classes for Parents with Children age 3 to Grade 3.
Learning for You. Building Family. Creating Community.

Parent Connection is a parent education program for parents with children age 3 to grade 3. Parent education is about support, information, strategies, tips and time with other parents who have children in this age group. Parent Connection focuses on how your relationship with your child changes over time and what your child needs from you as he or she ages. Take time to delight in your family and join in the learning!

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For no additional fee, children 5 months and younger are welcome to attend class with their parent. Sibling care is for children age 5 months to age 5. Sibling care is limited and may be cancelled due to low registration. Call 763-391-8777 for availability.

Book Club

For Parents - with Parent Educator, Cindy Hochhalter

UnSelfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World
By: Dr. Michele Borba

Borba describes the Selfie syndrome as a self – absorption epidemic. It hurts children’s academic performance and leads to bullying behavior. Children need to develop a healthy sense of empathy to thrive and succeed in the future.

We will discuss the author’s 9 habits, which include emotional literacy, moral identity, perspective taking, moral imagination, self-regulation, practicing kindness, collaboration, moral courage and altruistic leadership abilities to “unselfie” your kids and to help cultivate empathy.

It is not necessary, but may be helpful, to be familiar with the book.

Children attend Sibling Care while parents participate in Book Club.

Class fee includes one child attending Sibling Care. Additional children pay a 4 week Sibling Care fee. Sibling Care space is limited. You must register in advance.

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Math is Everywhere

By: Rebecca Wong
Early Childhood Parent Educator

Enjoying math at home is a great way to build a solid math foundation for your child. Surprisingly, math activities that you do every day can affect later school success. Recent research out of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel shows that preschool mathematics knowledge predicts school achievement even into high school. Here are some tips for each age group:

Infants:
• Use meal time to teach the idea of “more.” Remember to wait before you give your baby some food and ask, “Do you want more?” Wait to see how baby responds to you.
• Teach position words by linking them to actions: Say, “Up, up, up” while lifting your child onto the changing table. Say, “down, down, down” as you place them onto the floor.

Toddlers:
• Explore sizes of common objects as you play. “Oh, this ball doesn’t fit in your hoop. It is too big. Let’s find a smaller ball.”
• Show children cause and effect. As they are turning the lights on and off, label what they are doing, “Light on.” “Light off!” They aren’t flicking the lights to drive you crazy; they are scientists seeking answers.

Preschoolers:
• Sorting and organizing your laundry is all math. Let kids sort: big from small, reds from whites, my socks from your socks.
• Nature walks are a great way to explore the great outdoors and learn math at the same time. Encourage preschoolers to find the smallest leaf or the longest stick.

Studies show that parents attitude about math plays a big part in a child’s attitude about math. Avoid saying things like, “I’m not good at math.” Or “Math is hard.” Instead try saying, “Math is everywhere and there are different ways to enjoy it.” Or “Anyone can learn math and even I am still learning.”
Registration
Registration Lottery will be held December 6
A registration drawing for all 1 to 15 week classes will be held Dec 6. You will not be charged for your class or Sibling Care fees until after the lottery is held. Charges will appear as Osseo Area Schools. After the lottery, registration continues year round until classes fill. Fees will be adjusted based on the date your child starts class.

Registering for Classes
Select an ECFE class based on your child’s age as of September 1, 2017. (except for birth to 12 month classes.)

Online Registration: osseo.ce.eleyo.com
1. Click on Sign In in the upper right hand corner.
2. Enter your user name and password or, select Create Account.
3. Create family profile including family members and relationship.

Once you have an account
4. Follow prompts to select your classes. Credit or debit card and online bank payment are accepted.
5. Send immunizations to: ece@district279.org

Course Confirmation
A confirmation and payment receipt will be emailed to you once you are placed in a class.

In Person or Mail Registration
Complete a separate form for each child. Cash, Check, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or electronic bank payments are accepted. (Please do not mail cash.) Make checks payable to ISD 279.

Mail or drop off your completed form, payment and immunization record at either of our Early Childhood Center locations.

Arbor View Early Childhood Center
9401 Fernbrook Lane N
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Willow Lane Early Childhood Center
7020 Perry Avenue N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Fee
Select the correct yearly family income level and number of weeks the class meets to determine fee.
The number of sessions a class meets is designated by the course number. For example: 15-2100A is a 15 week class, 6-2004A is a 6 week class. If a family taking a 15 week class has an annual income of $37,000. The fee is $108 for the class + $77 for each child in Sibling Care.
All families are welcome. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay.

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ECFE Registration

Complete a separate registration form for each child registered for an ECFE class or Sibling Care.

Payment, copy of immunization record, and health forms (if needed) must be submitted at the time of registration.

Child Attending Class

First Name ___________________________ Middle Name ___________________________
Last Name ___________________________ Male ☐ Female ☐
Birth Date ___________________________ Address ______________________________________
City ___________________________ Zip ___________________________

1. Parent/Guardian First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Address __________________________________ponder ______________________________________
Birth Date ___________________________ Cell Phone ___________________________
E-mail Address ___________________________
Male ☐ Female ☐ Relationship to child ___________________________

How did you learn about our program? ___________________________

Do you need Interpreter Assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your child have any health or physical concerns that we need to be aware of? ___________________________

Does your child have any food allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your child receiving, or has your child in the past received, any Special Education services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list staff who have worked with your child: ___________________________

The questions below are optional, however answers are strongly encouraged. The information from this data will help the Minnesota Department of Education. Data will be handled and protected by state and federal education data privacy laws.

Please indicate whether you are the child’s
☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Grandmother ☐ Grandfather
☐ Foster Mother ☐ Foster Father ☐ Guardian ☐ Other Relative

Your highest level of school completed (Mark only one):
☐ Eighth grade ☐ 12th grade ☐ HS Diploma ☐ Some college-no degree
☐ Associate’s Degree ☐ Bachelor’s Degree ☐ Master’s Degree ☐ Ph.D

Number of people in household (circle one): 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

What is your current job status?
☐ Employed more than 25 hours per week
☐ Employed less than 25 hours per week
☐ Unemployed, seeking employment
☐ Unemployed, not seeking employment

What was your household’s total yearly income, before taxes last year? $ ___________________________

What is the primary language spoken by the child? (circle all that apply)
English Spanish Hmong Somali Vietnamese Karen Arabic
Russian Mandarin Laotian Oromo Cambodian Other: __________________________

What is the race/ethnicity of your child(ren)? (circle all that apply)
White Black/African American Hispanic or Latino Asian
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander American Indian/Alaskan Native Other, single race Other, two or more races

EC&FE Behavior & Photo Agreements

Behavior Plan for ECFE Classes

Having a foundation of basic social and emotional skills is critical to school readiness. At EC&FE we use positive behavior strategies to help children learn and practice appropriate behaviors, and we are committed to working with your child while they learn these skills.

If your child needs more support, we will partner with you to develop a guidance plan. In addition to teaching and learning, our role is to ensure a safe, secure classroom for all children and staff. If we are not able to agree on a plan your child may be dismissed from the program.

☐ I have read and agree to the terms of the Behavior Plan Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Photo Agreement

I understand my and/or my child’s photo may be used by the program. If I wish to deny this I will follow the school Board Policy and Procedure 515 found at the district website, www.district279.org.

☐ I have read and agree to the terms of the Photo Agreement.

Course Selection

Option 1 Class number __________ Fee __________
Option 2 Class number __________ Fee __________
Option 3 Class number __________ Fee __________

Do you need sibling care?
☐ Yes ☐ No (If offered for your class choice)

If yes, complete a registration form and provide immunizations for each child in sibling care.

Sibling Care Fee __________ Class Fee __________
Total Fee __________

Payment is due at time of registration

Cash, Check, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or electronic bank payments are accepted. Make checks payable to ISD 279.

Credit Card Payment Information

Discover MasterCard VISA
Charge will appear as Osseo Area Schools

Card # _____________ 3-Digit Code ____________
Expiration Date _____________
Name on card ___________________________
Billing address if different ___________________________

Office Use: Date ________ Cash __________
Check # ________ Amount __________

Email immunizations to: ecfedistrict279.org
EC&FE  School readiness begins at birth!

**ECFE Classes: Ages Birth to 5**
Early Childhood & Family Education classes are for ALL parents with children ages birth to pre-kindergarten. Join a once-a-week parent-child class that will help you “set the stage” for your child’s future.

**Practice Preschool: Ages 2 1/2 - 3**
This program gives your 2 1/2 to 3 year old a smart start. Highly experienced teachers encourage success in the classroom through carefully planned activities.

**Preschool for 3s & Parent Connection: Age 3**
The Osseo School’s preschool program is complete with licensed teacher and curriculum that aligns with Osseo kindergarten expectations. We offer two or three day per week half day class options... some classes include parents.

**Early Childhood Screening: Ages 3 - 4**
Early Childhood Screening is required in Minnesota for entrance into a public school. Ideally, children participate in screening between the ages of 3 to 4. Don’t wait - earlier is better! FREE!

**Pre-Kindergarten for 4s & Parent Connection: Ages 4 - 5**
Our licensed teachers provide opportunities for you to further prepare your child with curriculum that aligns with Osseo kindergarten expectations. We offer two to five day per week half day class options... some classes include parents.

**Kindergarten: Age 5 by September 1**
Ready for Kindergarten in the Osseo Schools!

Register online at osseo.ce.eleyo.com / 763-391-8777